

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**IMPROVED PROCESSING METHOD FOR POLYBUTADIENE  
GOLF BALL CORE STOCKS**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

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Not applicable.

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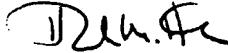
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Respectfully submitted,

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**ASSIGNMENT**

Whereas, I, R. Dennis Nesbitt of 70 Deer Path Lane, City of Westfield, County of Hampden, and State of Massachusetts, having invented certain new and useful improvements in:

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for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, the said application having been executed by me on this 9th day of February, 1999, do hereby, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, sell, assign, and transfer unto **SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC.** a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at:

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for its sole use, and that of its successors, and assigns.

Signed at Chicopee MA, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
February, 1999.

R. Dennis Nesbitt  
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STATE OF Massachusetts )  
COUNTY OF Hampden ) : SS

Personally appeared before me this day, the above-named R. Dennis Nesbitt to me personally known, who acknowledged that he signed the foregoing instrument for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and that the same is his free act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal,  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999.

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Notary Public

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